2012 *FIRST*® LEGO® LEAGUE HATHAWAY BROWN REGIONAL

FAMILY INFORMATION PACKET

WELCOME TO THE *FIRST*® LEGO® LEAGUE HATHAWAY BROWN REGIONAL!
Welcome and Congratulations to you and your child's FLL team! We are thrilled to be able to host this qualifying tournament, and we thank you for being a part of this experience!

In order to give you and your child the best possible experience, this document will explain some of our policies and give you some information that will make your experience and your child's team experience ones you will remember for a long time.

TEAM ONLY AREAS:
As you know, *FIRST*® LEGO® League is a child and team driven program. Through FLL, teams are empowered to decide on their own direction, their own solutions, and their own problem-solving strategies. Children learn to become independent thinkers with advanced teamwork and critical thinking skills.

Coaches are those indispensable guides and role models, but the kids are the ones who do the work. Because of this fundamental philosophy, we do have "Team Only" areas, where teams can focus on the competition with minimum adult interaction and influence.
In this way, the team takes responsibility for their problem-solving and their successes. Our judges are able to see and visit with the kids, to hear and see what they have learned, and to communicate with them authentically. For this reason, our Pit and Judging Areas are closed to the public. Up to two adult coaches/mentors may be with the team in these "Team Only" areas. Parents are welcome in the competition area as spectators, but will not be allowed at the tables. We thank you in advance for your understanding and respect for this policy.

JUDGING SESSIONS:
Your child's team will be judged in three areas (Senior Solutions Project, Robot and Core Values), during a pre-assigned judging time on the morning of the tournament. You can find a copy of the tournament schedule, including both judging and robot performance, on the Hathaway Brown Tournament page of the Ohio FLL website at: http://edoutreach.wpafb.af.mil/Robotics/media/2012/flyers/hathaway.html or in the Hathaway Brown Regional Program Book, which is available at the Information/Registration Desk located inside the main entrance to the building.

Parents and family members may not travel with the team into the Team Judging areas. You are free to be in Dining Hall and Atrium. A concession area will be open from 8:00 AM until about 3pm serving breakfast, lunch, and snacks. All food and drinks must be

consumed in the Dining Hall. ***Absolutely NO food or drinks will be permitted in the Atrium.***

PIT AREA:
This area is open only to team members and two coaches. It is located on the ground floor of the Atrium. There is a volunteer Pit manager who will control entrance to the Pit and practice table sign-ups for teams.

TEAM COMMUNICATIONS:
We recommend that you make arrangements with your team in advance for down times when you can all meet. For instance, you might all want to meet for lunch during a long break in the team's schedule. You also might want to spend some time watching parts of the robot competition together. If you prepare for these times in advance, it will make the day less confusing.

BASIC SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY:

8:00 AM: TEAM REGISTRATION
Your child will be expected to be on-site sometime between 7:30 AM and 8:00 AM. Your coach will instruct you when you should arrive. You can park in any of the parking lots around the school, although handicapped parking spaces will be enforced, so if you are not permitted to use these spaces, please do not park there.

11:15 AM: OPENING CEREMONY
Join us for the Opening Ceremony at this time. This ½ hour ceremony officially opens the event. We will start with a parade of teams– be there to cheer your team as they enter the competition area!

We will not have a specific lunch break, but you might want to make arrangements to eat with the team when their schedule permits. If your team was judged before the Opening Ceremony, you might want to catch some lunch together after the ceremony in the Dining Hall.

1:00 PM: ROBOT PERFORMANCE BEGINS
The three official robot rounds will begin at this time in the competition area. Refer to your program book, which will include the robot performance schedule for the day, to see your team in competition. There will be seating in the competition area, and the scores will be displayed prominently on large screens. Your team will be announced by a play-by-play announcer and the robot run will be projected onto the big screen.

2:45 PM: PITS OPEN TO PUBLIC
The pits will open for tear-down and load-out starting at 2:45 PM. Feel free to assist the team in removing all of their tournament materials and in cleaning up the pit area in preparation for the Closing Ceremony.

3:15 PM: ENTERTAINMENT AND CLOSING CEREMONY
Teams will be recognized for their achievements – every team member will receive a medal. Trophies, the Regional Ambassador Award, and coach awards will be distributed during this celebration. Please refer to the Program Book for a complete list of the awards that will be presented.

UNIVERSITY OF AKRON DISTRICT TOURNAMENT INVITATIONS
The FLL Hathaway Brown Regional will advance five teams to the University of Akron District Tournament on January 12, 2013. Champion's Award criteria will be used and the ambassador team will advance, even if this team is not in the top 25% of teams at this event.

A FINAL NOTE ABOUT GRACIOUS BEHAVIOR
In FLL we embrace the value of "Gracious Professionalism™." Please be gracious observers of this FLL experience. Poor behavior on the part of family members can impact a team negatively with the judges.

Thank you for allowing your child to participate in this powerful, empowering program. You have to be incredibly proud of your child's growth over the course of this tournament season! These teams inspire us as well!

HAVE FUN!